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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 1081

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, EAIR, UV

SUBJ: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES (PAAI)

REF: (A) LONDON 4839 (NOTAL); (B) NDJAMENA 926 (NOTAL);
(C) LAGOS 3121 (NOTAL)

1. SAOUMANA TRAORE (VOLTAN NATIONAL, PAAI REPRESENTATIVE IN
OUAGADOUGOU, HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT COL. ROBERTSON HAS
FINALLY OBTAINED THE NECESSARY FINANCING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE
TEN BELFAST AIRCRAFT. HE ADDED THAT DURING RECENT VISIT TO
ABIDJAN, COL. ROBERTSON HAD NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS WITH THREE
FOOD EXPORTING FIRMS FOR TRANSPORT OF FOOD FROM ABIDJAN TO LAGOS.
WE PASSED TO HIM INFO CONTAINED REF (B) WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD
CONVEY TO ROBERTSON IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE. WE ALSO RELAYED TO
HIM RECENT REMARKS OF VOLTAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT TO EFFECT THAT
HE WOULD APPROVE BELFAST DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT TO OUAGADOUGOU.
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2. FOR NDJAMENA: PAAI HAS NOT YET BEGUN OPERATIONS IN UPPER
VOLTA. SEVERAL PROTOCOLS, WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN SIGNED
SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, ARE STILL BOGGED DOWN IN COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS, AND WE SUSPECT THAT THE FRENCH, EGGED ON BY UTA, ARE
DOING THEIR UTMOST TO SABOTAGE THE DEAL.

3. FOR LONDON: PLEASE INFORM ROBERTSON THAT WE BELIEVE A BELFAST DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT TO OUAGADOUGOU, AS CONCEIVED BY HIM ORIGINALLY, WOULD BE PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE AT THIS TIME. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT OUEDRAOGO HAS ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD APPROVE SUCH A FLIGHT IF ROBERTSON REQUESTED IT. ALL HE NEEDS IS A LETTER FROM ROBERTSON OR FROM SOUMANA TRAORE. PLEASE ADVISE ALSO WHEN ROBERTSON EXPECTS TO BE BACK IN OUAGADOUGOU.

4. FOR LAGOS: RUMOR BEING SPREAD BY ROCKWELL'S AIRCRAFT REPRESENTATIVE IS UNDOUBTEDLY BASED ON ARTICLE ENTITLED "WHITE KNIGHTS?" WHICH APPEARED IN MARCH 14 ISSUE OF "WEST AFRICA" MAGAZINE.
GRAHAM

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